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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

1. Special Branch Station,  
REPORT

Date September 24, 1941.

Subject (in full) Mr. Darius Marsily :- Enquiry from British Consulate  
Passport Office.

Made by D. J. Young Forwarded by D. J. Wilcox

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Refer letter  
to Mr. Lee  
etc.  
JP

Marsily alias Marsilly alis Marseli is a French Citizen who has time and again come to the attention of S.M. Police in connection with gambling. In only one instance, however, was evidence against him sufficiently strong to support a charge, this was in 1934, when he was charged before the French Court with conducting public gambling and sentenced to two months imprisonment and a fine of 200 francs. The term of imprisonment allowed to be commuted to 10 francs per day.

By J. H. H.

*[Signature]*

*[Signature: D. J. Young]*  
D. J. Young

A.C. (Special Branch).

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL.  
SHANGHAI.

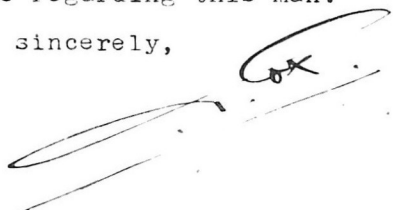
21st September, 1941.

Dear Mr. Duncan,

I understand that Mr. Darius Marsily, 113  
Kiukiang Road, has tried to obtain travel facilities  
to proceed to India. I have been informed by India  
that all facilities should be refused to him as  
it is understood he is connected with a gambling  
establishment.

I should be grateful for any additional  
information you can give me regarding this man.

Yours sincerely,



W. Duncan, Esquire,

Assistant Commissioner (Special Branch),

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.



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C.S.B. Special Branch, ~~Shanghai~~

REPORT

Date...February 5, 1941.

Subject (in full) J.M. COLOMBANI - Present whereabouts.

Made by D.G. Mischenko. Forwarded by Supt. Mason.

Joseph Marie COLOMBANI alias COLOMBONI,  
French, born in Aggadio, Corsica, 38 years old, well  
known gambler, is now living at Room 5, House 17, Lane  
1025, Bubbling Well Road.

J.M. Colombani is a close associate of one  
D.P. Marsily, French, who forms the subject of File No.D.  
9385(C) in connection with suspected gambling at Flat  
D.7 Medhurst Apartments, 934 Bubbling Well Road.

The above mentioned lodging house at No.17,  
Lane 1025, Bubbling Well Road, is operated by M.N.  
Shapitrik, Russian, C.R.O. F-2198, swindler and receiver  
of stolen property.



*J. Mischenko*  
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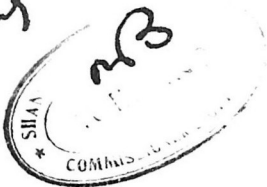
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MEMO.

D.C. Doe

Information —  
It looks as if  
there has been a  
tipping off  
the visit of Pitts  
to the Financial Police,  
when she sought  
the advice of her  
as to course of  
action.

Probably  
Friday & Saturday  
my so 7 hours



*[Handwritten signature]*

We wish continue to keep  
observation



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S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date November 9, 1939.

Subject (in full) Medhurst Apartments - Suspected Gambling Activities -  
Observation.

Made by D. S. Pitts

Forwarded by

Observation duty conducted by D. S. McKeown and D. S. Pitts between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. November 8/9, 1939, over the Medhurst Apartments in connection with alleged gambling taking place at Flat D7 occupied by D. P. MARSILY, French, failed to reveal anything of significance.

During the period stated above the only person seen to leave or enter the flat in question was Mr. MARSILY, who left the building at 10.20 p.m. and entered motor car 11366 to drive away in a westerly direction. He returned alone at 12.30 a.m. This vehicle is registered in the name of Mr. J. H. COLOMBANI, French, 25 Rue du Consulat.

*Jo. P. Pitts*  
D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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Section 1, Special Branch  
REPORT

Date November 8, 1939.

Subject. Medhurst Apartments - alleged gambling at Flat A.7 occupied  
by D.P. MARSILY - observation.

Made by D.S. Pitts

Forwarded by

Observation carried out by D.S. Pitts  
between 10 p.m. and 1.30 a.m., November 7/8 at  
Medhurst Apartments in respect of alleged gambling  
taking place at Flat A.7 occupied by D.P. MARSILY,  
French, showed that no activities at all were  
taking place on the premises.

Mr. MARSILY entered his flat at 12.20 a.m.  
having arrived on foot from an unknown destination  
but nobody else entered or left the apartment during  
the hours mentioned.

In casual and separate conversations with  
members of the Chinese staff of the Medhurst  
Apartments, it was learned that no activity has  
been apparent in Flat A.7 during the past two or  
three weeks, the presence of detectives in and  
outside the building apparently proving a deterrent  
to gambling parties.

*D. S. Pitts*

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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S. 1, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date October 30, 1939.

Subject (in full) Medhurst Apartments - observation duties.

Made by D.S. Pitts

Forwarded by

Observation carried out by D.S. McKeown and D.S. Pitts between 10 p.m. and 2.30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, October 27/28 and 28/29 over the Medhurst Apartments in respect of alleged gambling activities in flat A-7, occupied by D.P. MARSHY, failed to bring to light any sign of visitors to the apartment in question.

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D. C. (Special Branch).



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Made by. D.P. McKown

Forwarded by.

C. Crawford D.D.

On the morning of October 21, M. Jobez, French Police, was interviewed regarding the attached report. He offered the suggestion that the S.M.P. should raid the said premises and that the following was the correct procedure:

The two Police officers concerned in the observation duty should interview the judge of the French High Court and give evidence that to their knowledge gambling was being conducted on the premises. At a time and date appointed by the S.M.P., the necessary warrant having been issued, the S.M.P. should raid the premises and if gambling was found to be in progress, the judge should be informed in order to conduct an inspection.

McKown  
D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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REGISTRY

No. S. B. D.

S.1, Special

REPORT

Date October 11, 1939

Subject Medhurst Apartments, 934 Bubbling Well Road - observation

by D.S. McKeown and D.S. Pitts.

Made by D.S. Pitts

Forwarded by

C. G. Gifford

Observation carried out by D.S. McKeown and D.S. Pitts at Medhurst Apartments, 934 Bubbling Well Road, during the last six nights in respect of gambling being conducted in Flat A-7, leased by Mr. D.P. MARSILY, French, has shown that this flat is being frequented by a certain number of foreigners from midnight onwards.

Owing to the location of the flat and the difficulty of securing a concealed position where an uninterrupted view can be maintained over the entrance to the flat without fear of detection, no attempt has been made to be secretive about this watch.

A number of foreigners, some known, many not, have been observed to enter MARSILY's apartment and remain there for varying periods, and it is not believed they go there to exchange the time of day.

The existence of a "wheel" in Flat A-7 is freely spoken of by residents of other flats and rooms in the Medhurst Apartments and during the night of October 10/11, Mr. G.B. ELLIOT, British, a personal friend of mine, invited me to "have a flutter" at the "wheel." This was the result of a chance meeting between Mr. ELLIOT and myself which took place about 12.40 a.m. on Bubbling Well Road near the Medhurst Apartments. The offer was not taken advantage of.

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At about 1.15 a.m. the same morning, Mr. Nick I. YAPPO and Mr. George TRIBE, local automobile Salesmen, were known to me, accompanied by three well-dressed foreign ladies, drew up at the Medhurst Apartments in the former's motor car. They conversed with me for some five minutes on topical matters, but knowing I am attached to Headquarters, they made no effort to prolong the talk when evasive answers were given to certain pointed questions.

They then entered the Medhurst Apartments and proceeded to Flat A-7 by lift, but returned within three minutes to their car. They bid me goodnight and hoped "I would enjoy myself."

MARSILY, shortly after midnight, came down to the ground floor of the Apartments and remained outside the entrance for about thirty minutes, during which period, both he and I were well in each other's view. He did not speak to me but certainly gave the impression that he knew who I was and what I was doing.

Two foreign males about to enter the Apartments from Bubbling Well Road, he intercepted and took into the Trocadero Cafe which is located on the ground floor of the Medhurst Apartment building. Later the three of them went up to Flat A-7.

Not the slightest sign of a light in MARSILY's flat, which was definitely in use, could

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be seen from either Bubbling Well Road or from Lane 215 Medhurst Road in the rear of the building. In addition no vantage point from which a glimpse in Flat A-7 might be made could be secured.

Among those cars visiting the Medhurst Apartments in the early hours of October 11, from which passengers visited Flat A-7 were :-

| No.   | Licensee                    | Address                        |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 675   | M.I. YAPPO                  | 253 Route Dupliex, Apt. 3.     |
| 693   | Grand Garage Francais (Fr.) | 424 Avenue Joffre.             |
| 1145  | C.B. Cook (Br.)             | c/o I.C.I., 133 Szechuen Road. |
| 1293  | J.A. Turner (Br.)           | 627 Route de Sieyes.           |
| 2260  | B. Solomonik (Rus.)         | Room 715, Park Hotel.          |
| 7534  | F.C. Warburton (Br.)        | 24, Passage 799, Avenue Haig.  |
| 11682 | W.T. Alexander (Am.)        | 219 Rue C. Mercier, Apt. 404.  |

*D. S.*

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